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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING VESSEL BODY AND THUS FORMED  
VESSEL BODY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 4 to read as follows:

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4. (Twice Amended) A device for forming a vessel body  
which comprises an open top negative mold, a ring-shaped lid member  
for the negative mold with an inside diameter which is smaller than  
an open top diameter of the negative mold, a rotary trowel, having  
cylindrically shaped working surfaces, which is mechanically fixed  
to move against an inner surface of the negative mold within a  
predetermined range and is at least longer than a height of an